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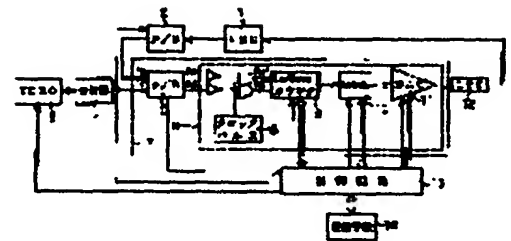
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(54) PLL SYNTHESIZER

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide the PLL synthesizer consisting of parts where charge pump control and storage are easy.

CONSTITUTION: A charge pump 6 consists of an up/down counter 9 which counts the phase difference between an up signal Pu and a down signal Pd of a phase comparator 5, a latch 10 where the output value of the up/down counter 9 is held, and a digital-analog converter 11 which converts the output of the latch 10 into an analog signal. Thus, power saving and temperature correction are facilitated, and the strength against noise is improved. For the purpose of shortening the lock-up time, it is unnecessary to prepare and switch two charge pumps or to prepare and switch two resistances.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] A voltage controlled oscillator and the programmable divider which carries out dividing of the output of this voltage controlled oscillator in adjustable, The phase comparator which outputs the rise signal Pu which detects the phase contrast of the output from reference frequency VCO and this frequency VCO, and the output of a programmable divider, and shows this phase contrast by pulse width, and the down signal Pd, In the PLL synthesizer which consisted of low-pass filters which change into the control voltage to a voltage controlled oscillator the voltage of the charge pump which changes the rise signal Pu from this phase comparator, and the down signal Pd into voltage, and this charge pump The counter the aforementioned charge pump counts [counter] the phase contrast of the aforementioned rise signal Pu and the down signal Pd, The PLL synthesizer characterized by consisting of a latch holding the output value of this counter, and a digital analog converter which changes the output of this latch into an analog signal.

[Claim 2] The PLL synthesizer indicated to the claim 1 characterized by having the control circuit which controls change of the aforementioned control voltage based on a storage means to memorize the data concerning the output of the aforementioned counter, and this storage means.

[Claim 3] The PLL synthesizer indicated to the claim 1 characterized by having the control circuit which has by the output value of the aforementioned counter corresponding to the division ratio changed based on the aforementioned storage means, and controls the aforementioned latch when there are a storage means to memorize the correlation of the output value of the aforementioned counter and the division ratio of a programmable divider, and change of a division ratio.

[Claim 4] It is the PLL synthesizer indicated to the claim 1 characterized by having a control circuit and a storage means, outputting the output of the latch which the aforementioned control circuit made the aforementioned storage means memorize the output of a latch, and was memorized by the aforementioned storage means to a digital analog converter, and intercepting at least one between a voltage controlled oscillator and a digital analog converter.

[Claim 5] It is the PLL synthesizer indicate holding the output-control voltage of the aforementioned low-pass filter in front of power-saving operation to the claim 1 carry out as the feature by making the aforementioned programmable divider into non-actuation by having the control circuit to which power-saving operation is made to perform, and a storage means, and the aforementioned control circuit's making the aforementioned storage means memorize the output of the aforementioned counter in front of power-saving operation, and controlling the aforementioned latch based on the aforementioned storage means at the time of power-saving operation.

[Claim 6] The PLL synthesizer indicated to the claim 1 characterized by having the control circuit which has by the output value of the aforementioned counter in a predetermined division ratio based on a storage means to memorize the correlation of the temperature of the reference frequency VCO in which temperature compensation is possible, and the output value of the aforementioned counter in a predetermined division ratio and reference frequency VCO, and the aforementioned storage means, and carries out temperature compensation of the reference frequency VCO.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[0002]

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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] Since the conventional charge pump consisted of FET of the above analogs, it was not easy to control by the control circuit or to memorize the value of a charge pump. For this reason, based on the value of a charge pump, control of PLL operation, such as power saving and temperature compensation, was difficult. Moreover, since control of a charge pump was difficult, the conventional PLL control had the problem of taking lock-up time for a long time, when a change of a division ratio was made greatly, in order to start feedback control from the state at that time, when a change of a division ratio is made.

[0004] Furthermore, since the charge pump of the conventional example had amended the control voltage of a low-pass filter by charge and electric discharge like ****, the time constant of a low-pass filter (12) needed to be changed to shortening lock-up time. For this reason, as shown in drawing 8, a charge pump (15) and two (16) were prepared, this needed to be changed by the CONT signal, and two resistance needed to be prepared and this needed to be changed with a switch (17).

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[Means for Solving the Problem] this invention was made in view of this point, and the 1st feature is that a charge pump consists of a counter which counts the phase contrast of the aforementioned rise signal P_u and the down signal P_d , a latch holding the output value of this counter, and a digital analog converter which changes the output of this latch into an analog signal.

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[0011]

[Function] Storage of control or an output is easy and can constitute a charge pump. Thereby, temperature compensation of power saving which makes a programmable divider non-actuation, shortening of lock-up time, and the reference frequency VCO is carried out.

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[Example] The example of this invention is explained based on drawing. Drawing 1 is the block diagram of a PLL synthesizer. (1) is a voltage controlled oscillator (VCO) and it outputs desired frequency outside. (2) is a programmable divider (P/D) and it carries out dividing of the output of a voltage controlled oscillator (1) in adjustable. (3) is a temperature compensated crystal oscillator (TCXO), and it can tune oscillation frequency finely. (4) is a counting-down circuit and it carries out dividing of the output of a temperature compensated crystal oscillator (3). (5) is a phase comparator (ϕ/D) and it outputs the phase contrast of the output fr of a temperature compensated crystal oscillator (3) by which dividing was carried out to the output fp of a voltage controlled oscillator (1) by which dividing was carried out, and detection of a lock. Phase contrast is outputted by the rise signal Pu and the down signal Pd. (6) is a charge pump and it changes the rise signal Pu from a phase comparator (5), and the down signal Pd into voltage. A charge pump (6) is aligned with a phase comparator (5), and it is called the phase comparator (7) of a wide sense. On the other hand, (5) which does not contain a charge pump (6) is a phase comparator in a narrow sense. Here, a phase comparator in a narrow sense is only called phase comparator.

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[0016] Thus, if the phase of fp is progressing rather than fr, while the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) was raised and the phase of fp is behind fr, the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) is dropped. In this way, the always stabilized oscillation frequency can be obtained from a voltage controlled oscillator.

[0017] The above is the basic composition and basic operation of this invention, and has the following features.

[0018] ** Since the charge pump of the conventional example had amended the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) by charge and electric discharge, it needed to change the time constant of a low-pass filter (12) to shortening lock-up time. For this reason, as shown in drawing 8, two charge pumps were formed, this needed to be changed, and two resistance needed to be prepared and this needed to be changed. However, since the charge pump of this invention generates direct voltage, and in order for the speedup / speed down of applied voltage to a voltage controlled oscillator (1) to be dependent on the speed of a clock pulse (8), it is not necessary to take into consideration the time constant of a low-pass filter (12), and it has

neither a charge pump nor resistance doubly like before, or operation which changes this is not needed.

[0019] ** Since the processing inside a charge pump (6) is a digital signal, the digital control which used a microcomputer, RAM, the logical element, etc. is easy.

[0020] ** When a change of a division ratio is made, in order to start feedback control from the state at that time, the conventional PLL control takes lock-up time for a long time, when a change of a division ratio is made greatly. The control circuit (13) of this invention reads the correlation of a division ratio and the output value of an updown counter (9) from a storage means (14), when a setting change of a division ratio is made in a key stroke etc. (Y of S1), as shown in drawing 3 (S2). The tabular format of the updown counter (9) output value corresponding to the division ratio of it that is sufficient as a correlation, and the function by statistics, such as the least square method, is sufficient as it. By this correlation, the change value of the updown counter (9) corresponding to the change value of a division ratio is calculated, and this value is outputted to an updown counter (9) (S3). Feedback operation of PLL is performed by making this value into initial value (S4).

[0021] Furthermore, it has with the lock-up signal from a phase comparator (5) by the output value of (Y of S5), and the updown counter at this time (9), and the data of the aforementioned correlation of a storage means (14) are updated (S6). (study)

[0022] Unless it carried out operation by the loop conventionally, the convergence value of attenuation was not found. However, since an updown counter (9) and a latch (10) are digital signals, this invention can output the voltage assumed easily from a charge pump (6). For this reason, lock-up time can be shortened and especially the effect when a change of a division ratio is made greatly is greatest.

[0023] ** Since an output is digital, a clock pulse (8) and a latch (10) are easy for a control circuit (13) to input into the next circuit the output value which made the storage means (14) memorize this output value, and made it memorize. And even if it intercepts between a voltage controlled oscillator (1) and a charge pump (6), the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) can be held.

[0024] For example, as shown in drawing 4, if the lock signal from a phase comparator (5) is received (S7), a control circuit (13) will make a storage means (14) memorize the output value of a latch (10) (S8), will read this output value from a storage means (14), and will output it to a digital analog converter (11) (S9). And between a latch (10) and digital analog converters (11) is intercepted (S10), and between a phase comparator (5) and charge pumps (6) is intercepted (S11). Next, supply (not shown) of the power supply to a programmable divider (2) is intercepted, and this is made into non-actuation (S12).

[0025] Thus, although a loop is intercepted and a programmable divider (2) serves as non-actuation, the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) can be held by the output value of the latch (10) memorized. And by intercepting a loop, even if the noise by change of a phase comparator (5) is lost and a noise arises, a noise cannot carry out a loop and a PLL synthesizer strong against a noise can be supplied. Furthermore, power consumption can be lessened by making a programmable divider (2) into non-actuation.

[0026] an above-mentioned example -- especially -- power consumption -- although the large programmable divider (2) was made into non-actuation, even if it makes a counting-down circuit (4), a phase comparator (5), and an updown counter (9) into non-actuation, the output-control voltage of a low-pass filter can be held

[0027] Moreover, although DAC (11) was controlled by the above-mentioned example based on the output value of a latch (10), based on the output value of an updown counter (9), you may control a latch (10) (9).

[0028] ** Carry out small change of the frequency outputted from reference frequency VCO with temperature. For this reason, the control circuit (13) makes the storage means (14) memorize the correlation of the output value of an updown counter, and the temperature of reference frequency VCO in a predetermined division ratio beforehand. And temperature compensation of the reference frequency VCO is carried out to the division ratio set up from the output value of an updown counter using the correlation read from the storage means (14). Thereby, a temperature control with a high precision becomes possible.

[0029]

[Effect of the Invention] Since the processing inside a charge pump (6) is a digital signal, the digital control which used a microcomputer, RAM, the logical element, etc. is easy. This storage and control can perform power saving and temperature compensation. Moreover, a PLL synthesizer strong against a noise can be supplied.

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[0018] ** Since the charge pump of the conventional example had amended the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) by charge and electric discharge, it needed to change the time constant of a low-pass filter (12) to shortening lock-up time. For this reason, as shown in drawing 8, two charge pumps were formed, this needed to be changed, and two resistance needed to be prepared and this needed to be changed. However, since the charge pump of this invention generates direct voltage, and in order for the speedup / speed down of applied voltage to a voltage controlled oscillator (1) to be dependent on the speed of a clock pulse (8), it is not necessary to take into consideration the time constant of a low-pass filter (12), and it has neither a charge pump nor resistance doubly like before, or operation which changes this is not needed.

[0019] ** Since the processing inside a charge pump (6) is a digital signal, the digital control which used a microcomputer, RAM, the logical element, etc. is easy.

[0020] ** When a change of a division ratio is made, in order to start feedback control from the state at that time, the conventional PLL control takes lock-up time for a long time, when a change of a division ratio is made greatly. The control circuit (13) of this invention reads the correlation of a division ratio and the output value of an updown counter (9) from a storage means (14), when a setting change of a division ratio is made in a key stroke etc. (Y of S1), as shown in drawing 3 (S2). The tabular format of the updown counter (9) output value corresponding to the division ratio of it that is sufficient as a correlation, and the function by statistics, such as the least square method, is sufficient as it. By this correlation, the change value of the updown counter (9) corresponding to the change value of a division ratio is calculated, and this value is outputted to an updown counter (9) (S3). Feedback operation of PLL is performed by making this value into initial value (S4).

[0021] Furthermore, it has with the lock-up signal from a phase comparator (5) by the output value of (Y of S5), and the updown counter at this time (9), and the data of the aforementioned correlation of a storage means (14) are updated (S6). (study)

[0022] Unless it carried out operation by the loop conventionally, the convergence value of attenuation was not found. However, since an updown counter (9) and a latch (10) are digital signals, this invention can output the voltage assumed easily from a charge pump (6). For this reason, lock-up time can be shortened and especially the effect when a change of a division ratio is made greatly is greatest.

[0023] ** Since an output is digital, a clock pulse (8) and a latch (10) are easy for a control circuit (13) to input into the next circuit the output value which made the storage means (14) memorize this output value, and made it memorize. And even if it intercepts between a voltage controlled oscillator (1) and a charge pump (6), the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) can be held.

[0024] For example, as shown in drawing 4, if the lock signal from a phase comparator (5) is received (S7), a control circuit (13) will make a storage means (14) memorize the output value of a latch (10) (S8), will read this output value from a storage means (14), and will output it to a digital analog converter (11) (S9). And between a latch (10) and digital analog converters (11) is intercepted (S10), and between a phase comparator (5) and charge pumps (6) is intercepted (S11). Next, supply (not shown) of the power supply to a programmable divider (2) is intercepted, and this is made into non-actuation (S12).

[0025] Thus, although a loop is intercepted and a programmable divider (2) serves as non-actuation, the control voltage of a low-pass filter (12) can be held by the output value of the latch (10) memorized. And by intercepting a loop, even if the noise by change of a phase comparator (5) is lost and a noise arises, a noise cannot carry out a loop and a PLL synthesizer strong against a noise can be supplied. Furthermore, power consumption can be lessened by making a programmable divider (2) into non-actuation.

[0026] an above-mentioned example -- especially -- power consumption -- although the large programmable divider (2) was made into non-actuation, even if it makes a counting-down circuit (4), a phase comparator (5), and an updown counter (9) into non-actuation, the output-control voltage of a low-pass filter can be held

[0027] Moreover, although DAC (11) was controlled by the above-mentioned example based on the output value of a latch (10), based on the output value of an updown counter (9), you may control a latch (10) (9).

[0028] ** Carry out small change of the frequency outputted from reference frequency VCO with temperature. For this reason, the control circuit (13) makes the storage means (14) memorize the correlation of the output value of an updown counter, and the temperature of reference frequency VCO in a predetermined division ratio beforehand. And temperature compensation of the reference frequency VCO is carried out to the division ratio set up from the output value of an updown counter using the correlation read from the storage means (14). Thereby, a temperature control with a high precision becomes possible.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the block diagram showing the example of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is the timing chart of an example.

[Drawing 3] The lock-up time of the control circuit of an example is drawing showing early operation.

[Drawing 4] It is drawing showing operation which serves as power saving in the noise of the control circuit of an example strongly.

[Drawing 5] It is the block diagram showing the composition of the PLL synthesizer which has the conventional charge pump.

[Drawing 6] It is drawing showing the composition of the conventional charge pump.

[Drawing 7] It is the conventional timing chart.

[Drawing 8] It is the block diagram which took the measures which bring the conventional lock-up time forward.

[Description of Notations]

1 Voltage Controlled Oscillator

2 Programmable Divider

3 Temperature Compensated Crystal Oscillator

4 Counting-down Circuit

5 Phase Comparator

6 Charge Pump

7 Phase Comparator

8 Clock Pulse

9 Updown Counter

10 Latch

11 Digital Signal Converter

12 Low-pass Filter

13 Control Circuit

14 Storage Means

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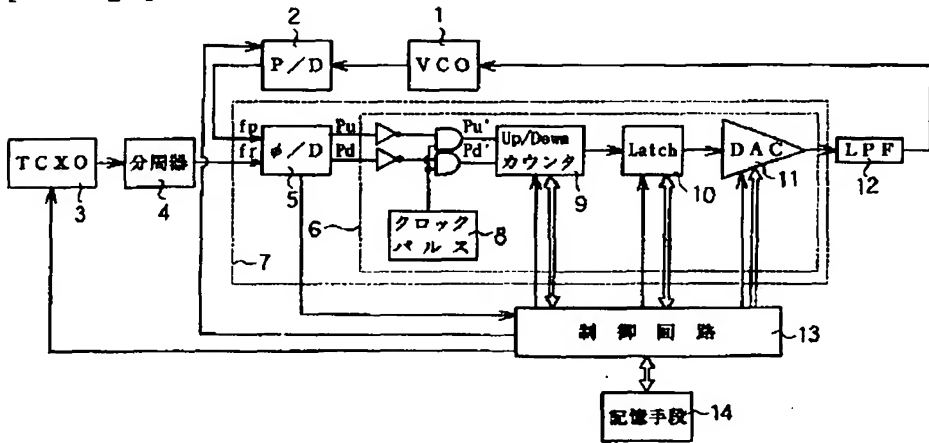
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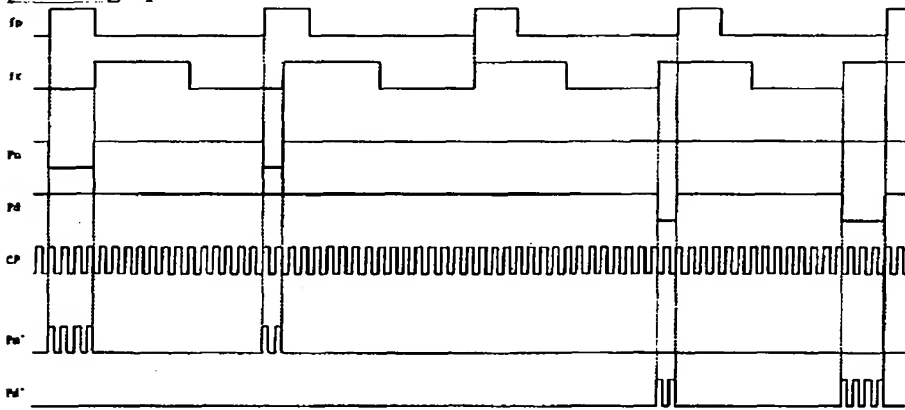
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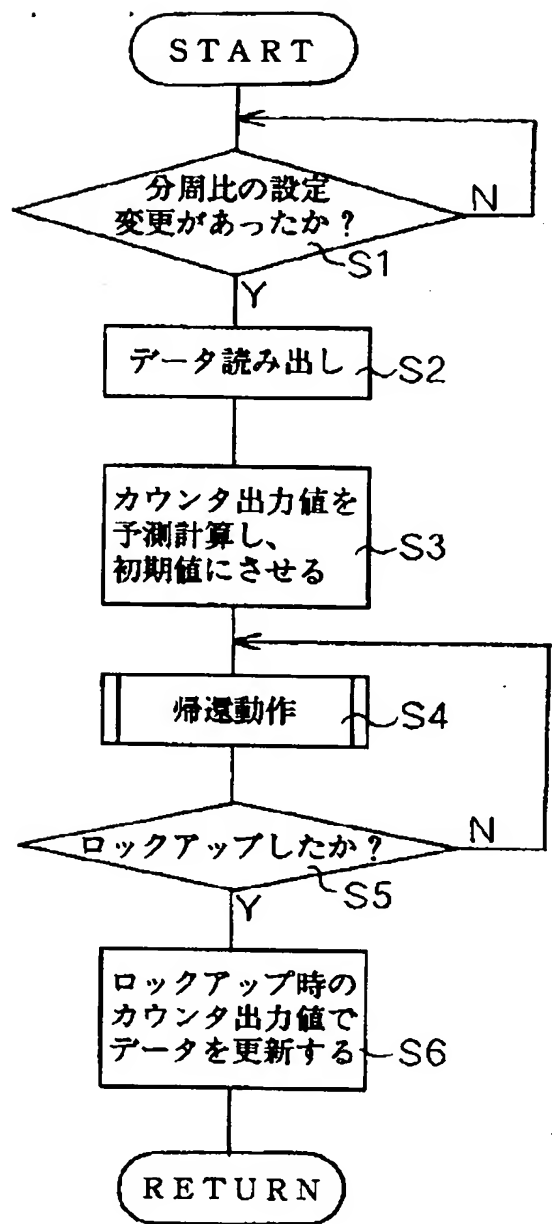
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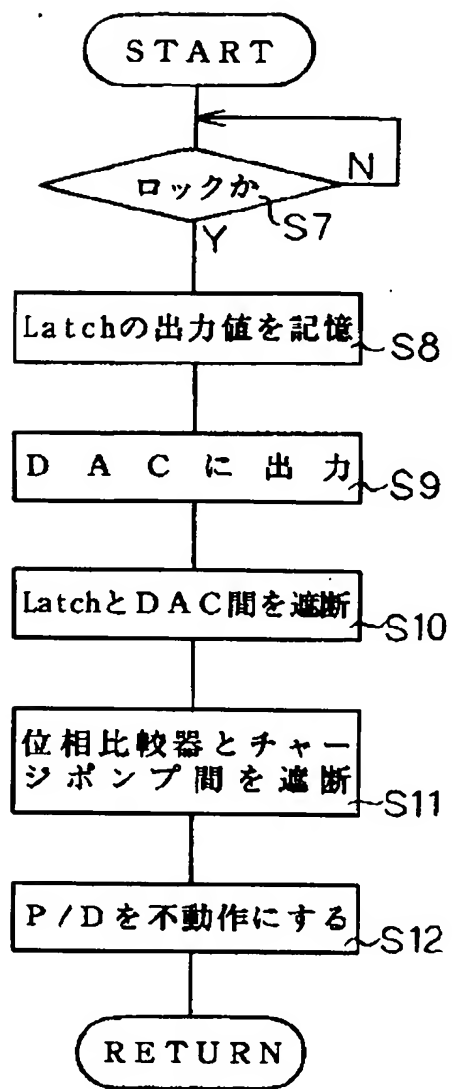
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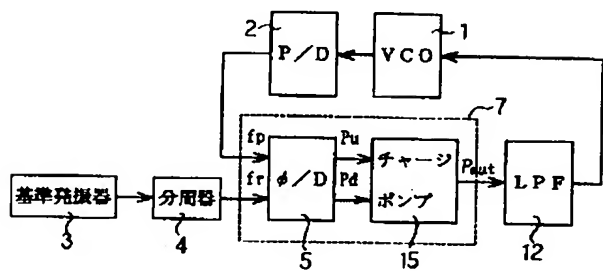
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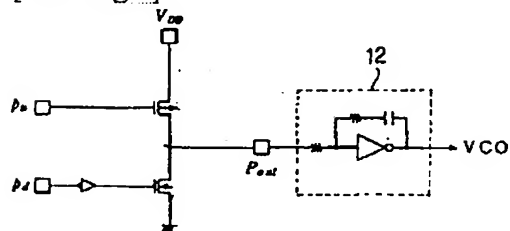
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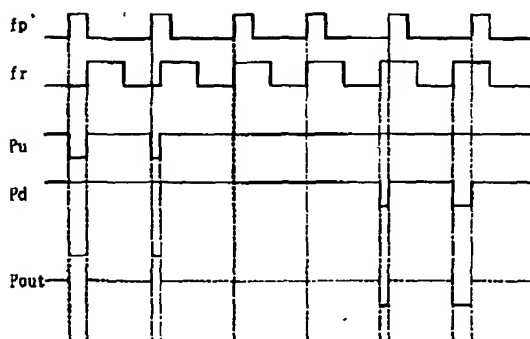
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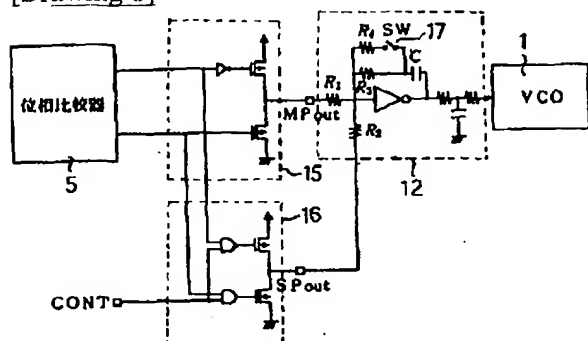
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[Drawing 7]



[Drawing 8]



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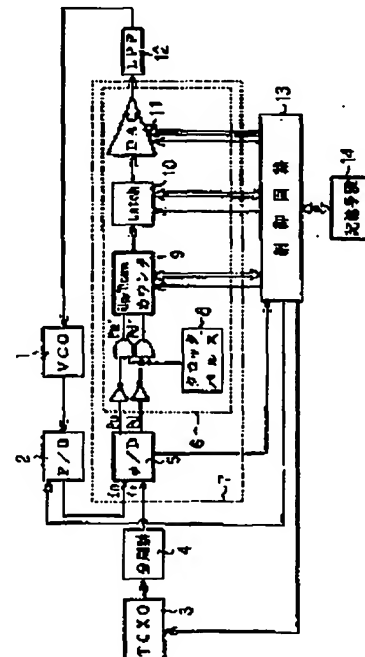
(54) 発明の名称 PLLシンセサイザ

(57) 要約

【目的】 チャージポンプの制御や記憶が容易な部品で構成されるPLLシンセサイザを供給する。

【構成】 チャージポンプ6を、位相比較器5のアップ信号PU及びダウン信号PDの位相差をカウントするアップダウンカウンタ9と、該アップダウンカウンタ9の出力値を保持するラッチ10と、該ラッチ10の出力をアナログ信号に変換するデジタルアナログコンバータ11とで構成する。

【効果】 省電力や温度補正を容易に行うことができる。また、ノイズに強くすることができる。更に、ロックアップ時間を短縮するために、チャージポンプを2つ設けてこれを切り替えたり、抵抗を2つ設けてこれを切り替えたりする対策を必要としない。



【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項 1】 電圧制御発振器と、該電圧制御発振器の出力を可変的に分周するプログラマブル分周器と、基準周波数発振器と、該周波数発振器からの出力とプログラマブル分周器の出力の位相差を検出し該位相差をパルス幅で示すアップ信号Pu及びダウン信号Pdを出力する位相比較器と、該位相比較器からのアップ信号Pu及びダウン信号Pdを電圧に変換するチャージポンプと、該チャージポンプの電圧を電圧制御発振器への制御電圧に変換する低域濾波器で構成されたPLLシンセサイザにおいて、前記チャージポンプが、前記アップ信号Pu及びダウン信号Pdの位相差をカウントするカウンタと、該カウンタの出力値を保持するラッチと、該ラッチの出力をアナログ信号に変換するデジタルアナログコンバータとで構成されることを特徴とするPLLシンセサイザ。

【請求項 2】 前記カウンタの出力に係るデータを記憶する記憶手段と、該記憶手段に基づき前記制御電圧の変動を制御する制御回路を備えたことを特徴とする請求項 1 に記載するPLLシンセサイザ。

【請求項 3】 前記カウンタの出力値とプログラマブル分周器の分周比の相関関係を記憶する記憶手段と、分周比の変更があるとき、前記記憶手段に基づき変更する分周比に対応する前記カウンタの出力値でもって前記ラッチを制御する制御回路を備えることを特徴とする請求項 1 に記載するPLLシンセサイザ。

【請求項 4】 制御回路と記憶手段とを備え、前記制御回路は、ラッチの出力を前記記憶手段に記憶させ、前記記憶手段に記憶されたラッチの出力をデジタルアナログコンバータに出力し、電圧制御発振器とデジタルアナログコンバータ間の少なくとも 1 箇所を遮断することを特徴とする請求項 1 に記載するPLLシンセサイザ。

【請求項 5】 前記プログラマブル分周器を不動作にさせることにより省電力動作を行わせる制御回路と、記憶手段とを備え、前記制御回路は、省電力動作直前の前記カウンタの出力を前記記憶手段に記憶させ、省電力動作時に前記記憶手段に基づき前記ラッチを制御することにより、省電力動作直前の前記低域濾波器の出力制御電圧を保持することを特徴とする請求項 1 に記載するPLLシンセサイザ。

【請求項 6】 温度補正可能な基準周波数発振器と、所定の分周比における前記カウンタの出力値と基準周波数発振器の温度の相関関係を記憶する記憶手段と、前記記憶手段に基づき所定の分周比における前記カウンタの出力値でもって基準周波数発振器を温度補正する制御回路を備えることを特徴とする請求項 1 に記載するPLLシンセサイザ。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】 本発明はチャージポンプを有するPLLシンセサイザに関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】 PLLシンセサイザはラジオや携帯用電話機等に多く使用されている。このPLLシンセサイザには位相比較器からの位相差信号を低域濾波器への電圧に変換するチャージポンプがある。このチャージポンプは例えば実公昭58-22343号公報に開示される如く、2つのFET(Field Effect Transistor)で構成される。チャージポンプの動作について説明する。図5は図6に示す様なチャージポンプ(15)を有するPLLシンセサイザのブロック図であり、図7は位相比較器(ϕ/D)(5)とチャージポンプ(15)の動作を示すタイミングチャートである。これらの図のfpはプログラマブル分周器で分周された電圧制御発振器からの出力であり、frは分周器で分周された基準周波数発振器からの出力である。fp及びfrが位相比較器に入力されると、fpの位相がfrよりも進んでいる間だけ位相比較器のアップ信号PuがLowとなり、fpの位相がfrよりも遅れている間は位相比較器のダウン信号PdがLowとなる。fpとfrがいずれもHighであればチャージポンプの各FETは共にオフ状態にあり、低域濾波器(12)のコンデンサは一定電位を保持し、ロックを保持する。しかし、PuがLowになると低域濾波器(12)のコンデンサを充電させ、PdがLowになると低域濾波器のコンデンサを放電させる。かくして、電圧制御発振器からは常に安定した発振周波数を得ることができる。

【0003】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】 従来のチャージポンプは上述のようなアナログのFETで構成されているために、制御回路で制御したり、チャージポンプの値を記憶することが容易ではなかった。このために、チャージポンプの値に基づいて、省電力や温度補正等のPLL動作の制御が困難であった。また、チャージポンプの制御は困難であった為、従来のPLL制御は分周比の変更が行われた場合、そのときの状態から帰還制御を開始するために、分周比の変更が大きく行われた場合は、ロックアップ時間が長くなるという問題があった。

【0004】 さらに、上述の如く従来例のチャージポンプは充電と放電により低域濾波器の制御電圧を補正していたために、ロックアップ時間を短縮するには低域濾波器(12)の時間定数を変化させる必要があった。このために、図8に示すようにチャージポンプ(15)、(16)を2つ設けてこれをCONT信号で切り替えたり、抵抗を2つ設けてこれをスイッチ(17)で切り替える必要があった。

【0005】

【課題を解決するための手段】 本発明はかかる点に鑑みてなされたもので、その第1の特徴は、チャージポンプが、前記アップ信号Pu及びダウン信号Pdの位相差をカウントするカウンタと、該カウンタの出力値を保持するラッチと、該ラッチの出力をアナログ信号に変換するデジ

タルアナログコンバータとて構成されることである。

【0006】第2の特徴は、前記カウンタの出力に係るデータを記憶する記憶手段と、該記憶手段に基づき前記制御電圧の変動を制御する制御回路を備えたことである。

【0007】第3の特徴は前記カウンタの出力値とプログラマブル分周器の分周比の相関関係を記憶する記憶手段と、分周比の変更があるとき、前記記憶手段に基づき変更する分周比に対応する前記カウンタの出力値をもって前記ラッチを制御する制御回路を備えることである。

【0008】第4の特徴は記憶手段とを備え、前記制御回路は、ラッチの出力を前記記憶手段に記憶させ、前記記憶手段に記憶されたラッチの出力をデジタルアナログコンバータに出力し、電圧制御発振器とデジタルアナログコンバータ間の少なくとも1箇所を遮断することである。

【0009】第5の特徴はプログラマブル分周器を不動作にさせることにより省電力動作を行わせる制御回路と、記憶手段とを備え、前記制御回路は、省電力動作直前の前記カウンタの出力を前記記憶手段に記憶させ、省電力動作時に前記記憶手段に基づき前記ラッチを制御することにより、省電力動作直前の前記低域濾波器的出力制御電圧を保持することである。

【0010】第6の特徴は温度補正可能な基準周波数発振器と、所定の分周比における前記カウンタの出力値と基準周波数発振器の周波数の相関関係を記憶する記憶手段と、前記記憶手段に基づき所定の分周比における前記カウンタの出力値をもって基準周波数発振器を温度補正する制御回路を備えることである。

【0011】

【作用】チャージポンプを制御や出力の記憶が容易なもので構成することができる。これにより、プログラマブル分周器を不動作にする省電力や、ロックアップ時間の短縮や、基準周波数発振器を温度補正させる。

【0012】

【実施例】本発明の実施例を図に基づき説明する。図1はPLLシンセサイザのブロック図である。(1)は電圧制御発振器(VCO)であり、所望の周波数を外部に出力する。(2)はプログラマブル分周器(P/D)であり、電圧制御発振器(1)の出力を可変的に分周する。(3)は温度補償水晶発振器(TCXO)であり、発振周波数を微調整可能である。(4)は分周器であり、温度補償水晶発振器(3)の出力を分周する。

(5)は位相比較器(ϕ/D)であり、分周された電圧制御発振器(1)の出力 f_p と分周された温度補償水晶発振器(3)の出力 f_r の位相差及びロックの検出を出力する。位相差はアップ信号 P_u とダウン信号 P_d で出力される。(6)はチャージポンプであり、位相比較器(5)からのアップ信号 P_u 及びダウン信号 P_d を電圧に変換する。位相比較器(5)とチャージポンプ(6)を合わせ

て広義の位相比較器(7)という。これに対し、チャージポンプ(6)を含まない(5)は狭義の位相比較器である。ここでは、狭義の位相比較器を単に位相比較器という。

【0013】チャージポンプ(6)はクロックパルス(8)、アップダウンカウンタ(Up/Downカウンタ)(9)、ラッチ(Latch)(10)とデジタルアナログコンバータ(DAC)(11)より構成される。アップダウンカウンタ(9)は位相比較器(5)からのアップ信号 P_u 及びダウン信号 P_d より各位相差をカウントする。クロックパルス(8)はアップダウンカウンタ(9)のカウントのための基準パルス信号を送出する。ラッチ(10)はアップダウンカウンタ(9)の出力を保持する。即ち、アップダウンカウンタ(9)の出力を一時的に記憶することができる。デジタルアナログコンバータ(11)はデジタル信号であるラッチ(10)の出力をカウント値に応じた電圧に変更する。(12)は低域濾波器(LPF)であり、デジタルアナログコンバータ(11)の出力電圧に基づいて電圧制御発振器(1)への制御電圧を補正する。

【0014】(13)は制御回路であり、各部を制御する。(14)はRAMやROM等の記憶手段であり、制御回路(13)の動作に必要なデータを記憶する。例えば、アップダウンカウンタ(9)の出力に対する分周比や温度の相関関係を記憶する。

【0015】12は位相比較器(5)とアップダウンカウンタ(9)の動作を示すタイミングチャートである。プログラマブル分周器(2)の出力 f_p 及び分周器(4)の出力 f_r が位相比較器(5)に入力されると、 f_p の位相が f_r よりも進んでいる間だけ位相比較器(5)のアップ信号 P_u がLowとなり、 f_p の位相が f_r よりも遅れている間は位相比較器(5)のダウン信号 P_d がLowとなる。 P_u と P_d のLowのパルス幅は f_p と f_r の位相差を示している。このパルス幅をクロックパルス(8)と論理素子(インバータとANDゲート)によりHighのパルス幅で表す信号(P_u' 及び P_d')に変換する。アップダウンカウンタ(9)はこの P_u' 及び P_d' のパルス数をカウントしてその値をデジタル信号として出力する。アップダウンカウンタ(9)のデジタル出力信号はラッチ(10)にて保持され、デジタルアナログコンバータ(11)にてカウント値(位相差)に応じた電圧(アナログ)に変換される。この電圧にて低域濾波器(12)の制御電圧が補正される。

【0016】このようにして、 f_p の位相が f_r よりも進んでおれば低域濾波器(12)の制御電圧が上昇せられ、 f_p の位相が f_r よりも遅れている間は低域濾波器(12)の制御電圧が降下せられる。かくして、電圧制御発振器からは常に安定した発振周波数を得ることができる。

【0017】以上が本発明の基本構成と基本動作であ

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り、以下のような特徴を有する。

【0018】従来のチャージポンプは充電と放電により低域濾波器(12)の制御電圧を補正していたために、ロックアップ時間を短縮するには低域濾波器(12)の時定数を変化させる必要があった。このために、図8に示すようにチャージポンプを2つ設けてこれを切り替えたり、抵抗を2つ設けてこれを切り替える必要があった。しかしながら、本発明のチャージポンプは直接電圧を発生するために、また、電圧制御発振器(1)に対する印加電圧のスピードアップ/スピードダウンはクロックパルス(8)の速度に依存するために低域濾波器(12)の時定数を考慮する必要はなく、従来のようにチャージポンプや抵抗を2重にもったり、これを切り替える動作は必要としない。

【0019】②チャージポンプ(6)内部での処理がデジタル信号であるために、マイクロコンピュータやRAMや論理素子等を使用したデジタル制御が容易である。

【0020】③従来のPLL制御は、分周比の変更が行われた場合、そのときの状態から帰還制御を開始するために、分周比の変更が大きく行われた場合は、ロックアップ時間が長くなる。本発明の制御回路(13)は、図3に示す如く、キー操作等にて分周比の設定変更が行われた場合(S1のY)、記憶手段(14)より分周比とアップダウンカウンタ(9)の出力値との相関関係を読み出す(S2)。相関関係はそれぞれの分周比に対応したアップダウンカウンタ(9)出力値の表形式でもよく、最小二乗法等の統計学による関数でもよい。この相関関係により、分周比の変化値に対応するアップダウンカウンタ(9)の変化値を計算し、この値をアップダウンカウンタ(9)へ出力する(S3)。この値を初期値として、PLLの帰還動作を行う(S4)。

【0021】更に、位相比較器(5)からのロックアップ信号により(S5のY)、このときのアップダウンカウンタ(9)の出力値でもって、記憶手段(14)の前記相関関係のデータを更新(学習)する(S6)。

【0022】従来は、ループによる動作をしないと減衰の収束値が分からなかった。しかし、本発明はアップダウンカウンタ(9)やラッチ(10)がデジタル信号であるために容易に想定する電圧をチャージポンプ(6)から出力することができる。このために、ロックアップ時間を短縮することができ、特に、分周比の変更が大きく行われた場合の効果は絶大である。

【0023】④クロックパルス(8)とラッチ(10)は出力がデジタルであるため、制御回路(13)はこの出力値を記憶手段(14)に記憶させ、記憶させた出力値を次の回路に入力することが容易である。そして、電圧制御発振器(1)とチャージポンプ(6)間を遮断しても、低域濾波器(12)の制御電圧を保持することができる。

【0024】例えば、図4に示す如く、制御回路(1

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3)は、位相比較器(5)からのロック信号を受信すると(S7)、ラッチ(10)の出力値を記憶手段(14)に記憶させ(S8)、この出力値を記憶手段(14)より読み出してデジタルアナログコンバータ(11)に出力する(S9)。そして、ラッチ(10)とデジタルアナログコンバータ(11)の間を遮断し(S10)、位相比較器(5)とチャージポンプ(6)の間を遮断する(S11)。次に、プログラマブル分周器(2)への電源の供給(図示せず)を遮断してこれを不動作にする(S12)。

【0025】このようにして、ループが遮断され、プログラマブル分周器(2)が不動作となるが、記憶されているラッチ(10)の出力値により低域濾波器(12)の制御電圧を保持することができる。そして、ループが遮断されることにより、位相比較器(5)の変化によるノイズがなくなり、また、ノイズが生じてもノイズがループすることはなく、ノイズに強いPLLシンセサイザを供給することができる。更に、プログラマブル分周器(2)を不動作にすることにより、消費電力を少なくすることができる。

【0026】上述の例では特に消費電力大きいプログラマブル分周器(2)のみを不動作にしたが、分周器(4)や位相比較器(5)やアップダウンカウンタ(9)を不動作にしても低域濾波器の出力制御電圧を保持することができる。

【0027】また、上述の例ではラッチ(10)の出力値に基づきDAC(11)を制御したが、アップダウンカウンタ(9)の出力値に基づきラッチ(10)を制御(9)してもよい。

【0028】⑤基準周波数発振器から出力される周波数は温度により僅か変化する。このために制御回路(13)は、予め記憶手段(14)に所定の分周比におけるアップダウンカウンタの出力値と基準周波数発振器の温度の相関関係を記憶させておく。そして、記憶手段(14)より読み出した相関関係を用いて、設定されている分周比とアップダウンカウンタの出力値より基準周波数発振器を温度補正する。これにより、精度の高い温度制御が可能となる。

【0029】

【発明の効果】チャージポンプ(6)内部での処理がデジタル信号であるために、マイクロコンピュータやRAMや論理素子等を使用したデジタル制御が容易である。この記憶や制御により、省電力や温度補正を行うことができる。また、ノイズに強いPLLシンセサイザを供給することができる。

【0030】更に、ロックアップ時間を短縮するために、チャージポンプを2つ設けてこれを切り替えたり、抵抗を2つ設けてこれを切り替えたりする対策を必要としない。

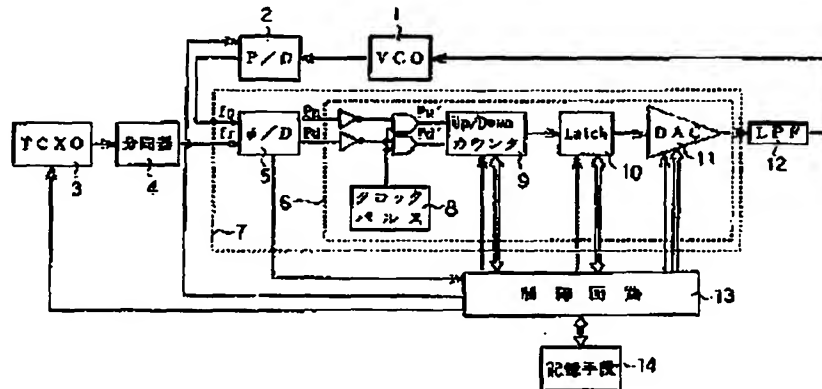
【図面の簡単な説明】

- 【図1】本発明の実施例を示すブロック図である。
 【図2】実施例のタイミングチャートである。
 【図3】実施例の制御回路のロックアップタイムが早い動作を示す図である。
 【図4】実施例の制御回路のノイズに強く且つ省電力となる動作を示す図である。
 【図5】従来のチャージポンプを有するPLLシンセサイザの構成を示すブロック図である。
 【図6】従来のチャージポンプの構成を示す図である。
 【図7】従来のタイミングチャートである。
 【図8】従来のロックアップタイムを早める対策を施したブロック図である。
 【符号の説明】
 1 電圧制御発振器

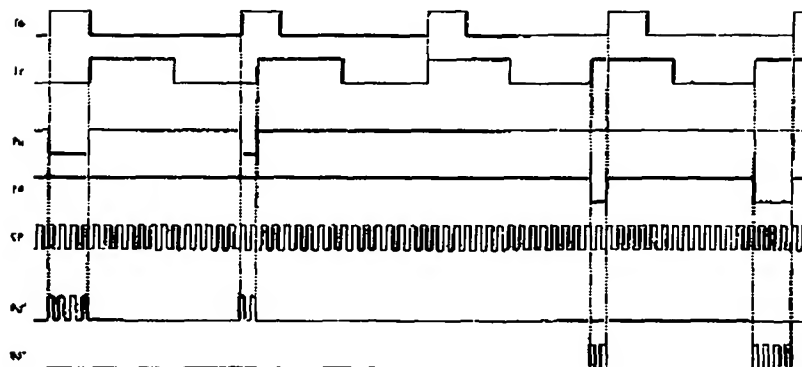
- * 2 プログラマブル分周器
 3 温度補償水晶発振器
 4 分周器
 5 位相比較器
 6 チャージポンプ
 7 位相比較器
 8 クロックパルス
 9 アップダウンカウンタ
 10 ラッチ
 11 デジタルシグナルコンバータ
 12 低域濾波器
 13 制御回路
 14 記憶手段

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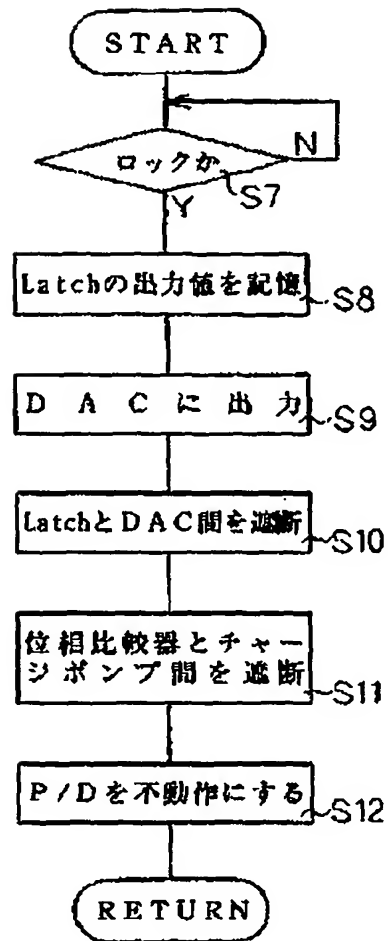
【図1】



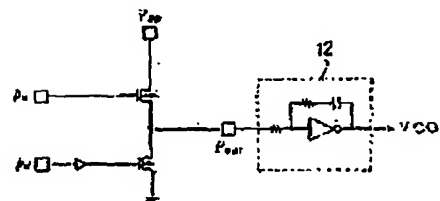
【図2】



【圖4】



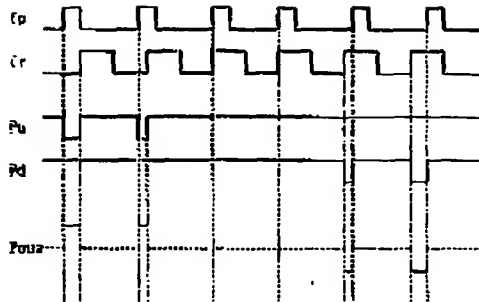
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【図7】



【図8】

